The RANZCP is pleased to announce the development of a Rural Psychiatry Resources page on the College website.

This page has been developed as part of the Rural Health Continuing Education (RHCE) Project. The project aims to reduce professional isolation by improving access to CPD resources, events and live webinars with fellow rural specialists.

This page is designed to be a central access point for rural psychiatrists to find relevant information and resources.

**Rural Psychiatry Resources:**

**A note from the Chair**

The Rural Health Continuing Education (RHCE) Project has been imperative in supporting rural Fellows with continuing professional development opportunities. This project has provided rural fellows with opportunities to host a practice visit, participate in peer support groups and attend webinars on particular topics of interest.

I would encourage all rural Fellows to engage with this project in any of the following ways:

- view the Rural Psychiatry Resources page at [www.ranzcp.org/rural](http://www.ranzcp.org/rural) to find useful information
- apply to host a practice visit at your rural practice location. Information and application forms can be found at: [http://www.ranzcp.org/Fellowship/CME-CPD/CPD-Resources.aspx](http://www.ranzcp.org/Fellowship/CME-CPD/CPD-Resources.aspx)
- attend the quarterly delivered webinars

If you would like to find out more about the RHCE Project please contact Stephanie Bull on +61 3 9601 4947 or at stephanie.bull@ranzcp.org

Dr Peter O'Brien
Chair, RHCE Working Group
Rural Psychiatry Resources Page

This page includes:

**College Policy Documents**
- Policy documents
- Positions statements
- Rural Special Interest Group

**CPD Resources**
- Templates and guides for CPD activities.
- Practice Visits information
- Peer Support Group information

**Online Presentations**
- Webinars
- National Conference presentations
- Branch Conference presentations
- Faculty and SIG presentations

**Conferences & Events**
- A list of both College delivered and external events and activities to enhance access and involvement in CPD opportunities

**Links**
- Useful links to external organisations

**Journals**
- Australian Journal of Rural Health
- Rural and Remote Health
- ANZJP
- Australasian Psychiatry

To access this page, please visit www.ranzcp.org/rural or alternatively you will find this page in the ‘Resources’ section of the College website.

**Latest News**

**Webinars:**
The RHCE project will also include the delivery of quarterly interactive webinars to supplement the current CPD calendar of events that will involve panel discussions, case studies and question and answer sessions. These webinars will be delivered live and will be subsequently available as a video recording on the Rural Psychiatry Resources page. These webinar recordings can be accessed through the Rural Psychiatry Resources Page or at http://www.ranzcp.org/Resources/Presentations.aspx.

**Next Webinar:**
Title: "Black and Blue – Bipolar II: Professor Gin Malhi and Dr Mark Rowe shed some ‘lite’"
Date: Wednesday 15 May 2013
Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm (AEST)

[REGISTER HERE]
PRACTICE VISITS - Host one today!

The College is committed to supporting the needs of rural and remote members and consequently, based on the remoteness classification of your practice address, the RHCE Project provides the opportunity to host a peer support practice visit at your rural practice location.

A rural peer support practice visit is a free service funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing which brings together two psychiatrists working in rural or remote locations as part of their professional development. It aims to offset the lack of opportunity for psychiatrists in some locations to work collaboratively, exchange ideas and review their practice processes. Past participants have found it highly effective and enjoyable, and have appreciated the reassurance and feedback from a fellow psychiatrist working in a similar environment.

The College has recently had 'Virtual' Practice Visits approved under this project so Fellows can participate in a visit from their office by videoconference if a face to face visit is not possible.

Feedback from a rural practice host

“Hosting a practice visit gave me the opportunity to discuss practice issues with a colleague, make a new contact and feel generally reassured about how I am working.”

Feedback from a rural practice visitor

“I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to a rural centre, it was a delight to meet and socialise with the local psychiatrist and her partner. The financial support made it virtually cost free and seeing a different type of practice to my own was very enlightening.”

To register to host a rural practice visit please complete the practice visits request form found here and return to the CPD office either by fax: 03 9642 5652 or email to cpd@ranzcp.org.

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The Rural Health and Continuing Education Sub-Program (RHCE) – Stream One is an initiative of the Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing and is managed by the Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges. The program’s objective is to enhance the delivery of quality clinical care in rural and remote Australia and to assist with the retention of medical specialists in
these areas.

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